GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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FUNDS FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Budget grants are sanctioned every year for printing and stationery;

(b) if so, the funds sanctioned under printing and stationery head during each of the last three years, till date;

(c) the manner in which the funds are expended yearly; and

(d) the reasons for not utilising the full budgetary grants alongwith the details of unspent amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details of funds sanctioned are as under:

Year	(Rs. in Thousnads)
1997-98	1,65,34,00
1998-99	1,79,86,00
1999-2000	1,64,16,00
2000-2001	1,75,01,00

(c): Major part of the sanctioned fund is utilised to meet the runnig expenses of the Government of India Presses,Controller of Publications Office, Controller of Stationery Office, procurement of paper, stationery & printing meterial etc. Amount sanctioned under Capital Account is spent on modernisation of the Presses.

(d): Non utilisation of full budget grant is mainly due to:-

1. Non-filling of vacant posts due to ban on recruitment.

2. Over assessment of liability towards arrear payments on account of implementation of the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission.

3. Deferment of a portion of arrears dues of the Pay & Allowances for next financial year.

4. Non-supply of full quantity of paper and stationery items and non-receipt of bills from the suppliers during the financial year.

5. Non-finalisation of contract for procurement of few machinery & equipment due to non-creation of posts and ban on recruitment.

Details of unspent grant is as under:-

Year	Unspent amount (Rs. in thousands)
1997-98	49,07,65
1998-99	38,58,89
1999-2000	19,76,59